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1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE OPEN-ENDED AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON OBSTACLES, TABLED BY THE IEPG AT THE NADREP MEETING ON 27 FEBRUARY 1978. US NADREP AGREED TO REFER TOR TO WASHINGTON, POINTED OUT THAT US HAS NOT AGREED TO ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE INTRODUCTION, AND ANNOUNCED THAT US WILL DISCUSS TOR AND WHETHER OR NOT GROUP IS NEEDED AT MEETING OF NADREPS, REINFORCED WITH DEPUTY NADS, ON 20 MARCH. COMMENT: US RESPONSE TO PROPOSED TOR WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE CLEAR ITS VIEW THAT TAD IS A GENUINELY TWO-WAY DISCUSSION. OTHER US REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE WELCOME AT TABLE. THE EXPRESSION QUOTE NADREPS, REINFORCED WITH DEPUTY NADS, END QUOTE IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE FRENCH. LIST OF EXPECTED ATTENDEES AND OTHER COMMENTS REPORTED SEPTEL. END COMMENT.

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- OPEN-ENDED AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON OBSTACLES - TERMS OF
- REFERENCE

- 1. INTRODUCTION

- A. THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND IEPG AGREED TO
START THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE BY DISCUSSING THE 4 TOPICS

SELECTED BY THE IEPG WITHIN THE CNAD FRAMEWORK. (NOTE: SEE AC/259-N/257 DATED 22ND DECEMBER 1977 (PARAGRAPH OF THE ANNEX).) IN THIS CONTEXT THEY AGREED AS WELL THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR CNAD TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SUBJECTS WOULD BE FOR A SPECIAL AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO BE ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE OBSTACLES AND FOR THE OTHER THREE MATTERS TO BE HANDLED BY THE RELEVANT CNAD ARMAMENT GROUPS AT WHATEVER FORM MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR THE MATTER UNDER DISCUSSION.

- B. SUBSEQUENTLY, UNITED STATES AND CANADA ACCEPTED THE IEPG PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS, DURING THE NADREP MEETING, PLANNED FOR 27TH FEBRUARY, ON THE DETAILS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP UNDER THE CNAD TO STUDY THE PROBLEM.

- C. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GUIDANCE RECEIVED, DURING THE ABOVE MENTIONED MEETING THE NADREPS DISCUSSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW AD HOC GROUP, AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE OPEN-ENDED AND OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING METHOD OF WORK AND TASKS.

- 2. METHOD OF WORK AND TASKS

- THE METHOD OF WORK OF THIS GROUP WILL BE EVOLUTIONARY ACCORDING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE. IN THIS CONTEXT THE TASKS OF THIS GROUP WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFINED BY THE NADREPS, ON BEHALF OF THE NADS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE STAGE REACHED BY THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE DIALOGUE. IT FOLLOWS FROM ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOVE THAT THE INITIAL TASK FOR THE AD HOC GROUP WILL BE TO STUDY THE FIRST LIST OF OBSTACLES PRESENTED BY THE IEPG, WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING WAYS OF SURMOUNTING THEM SO THAT COOPERATION ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WILL BE IMPROVED BY ASSURING MORE EQUITABLE COMPETITION BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA.

- 3. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

- A. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL NATO NATIONS AND SHALL COMPRISE:

- (1) NATIONAL EXPERTS IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE EXISTING IMPEDIMENTS TO A MORE BALANCED TRADE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN THE FIELD OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT;

- (2) A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN PROVIDED BY THE DEFENCE SUPPORT DIVISION;

- (3) ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE AD HOC GROUP PROVIDED BY THE DEFENCE SUPPORT DIVISION.

- B. THE AD HOC GROUP WILL SUBMIT ITS REPORTS TO
THE NADS THROUGH THE NADREPS. END TEXT. GLITMAN

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